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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese documents, along with an English-language abstract therefor are enclosed.

U.S. Patent Nos. 6,285,441; 6,091,516; and 5,734,483, and JP 11-168592 were cited in a European Search report that issued on July 2, 2004, in connection with a counterpart application. The European Search is also listed on the Form PTO-1449, and a copy is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants submit that no fee is due in connection with this paper, inasmuch as a first Office Action on the merits has not yet been mailed. Nevertheless, the

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be deemed necessary to
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Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C.
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Respectfully submitted,

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